

# 2003-04 Washington Tuition and Fee Report *(Preliminary Data)*



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# How much are full-time resident undergraduates paying this year?

• UW -- Seattle	\$4,863
• WSU -- All	\$4,836
• CWU	\$3,729
• EWU	\$3,687
• TESC	\$3,651
• WWU	\$3,683
• Comm. & tech. colleges	\$2,142

**Note:** Includes tuition (operating and building fee) and mandatory fees for 2003-04.  
Community and technical college tuition is for a student taking 15 credit hours.

# Who sets tuition rates?

- The 2003 Legislature enacted ESSB 5448 giving governing boards and the SBCTC the authority to set tuition rates for all students other than **resident undergraduates**.
- The Legislature maintained tuition setting authority for resident undergraduates until 2008-09.

# Who sets tuition rates?

- Legislature and Governor established limits for resident undergraduate tuition (operating and building fee) increases in 2003-04 operating budget.
  - Research 7%
  - Comprehensives 7%
  - Community & technical colleges 7%

# Tuition policies prior to 2003-04

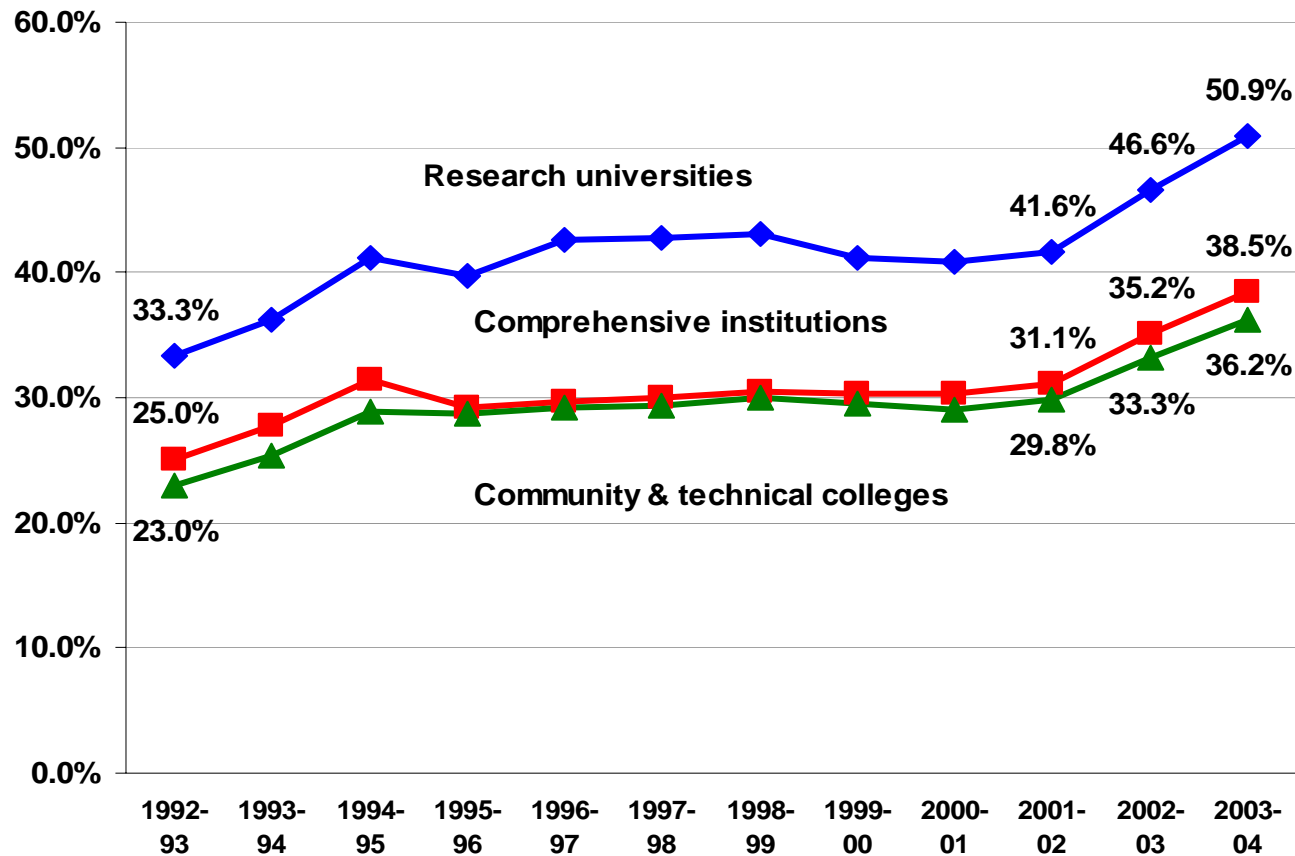
- From 1977 to 1995, the Legislature and Governor set tuition as a percentage of the cost of instruction.
  - Tuition at research universities ranged from 25% of the cost of instruction in 1977-78 to 41% in 1994-95.
  - Tuition at comprehensives and CTCs was about 30% of the cost of instruction in 1994-95.

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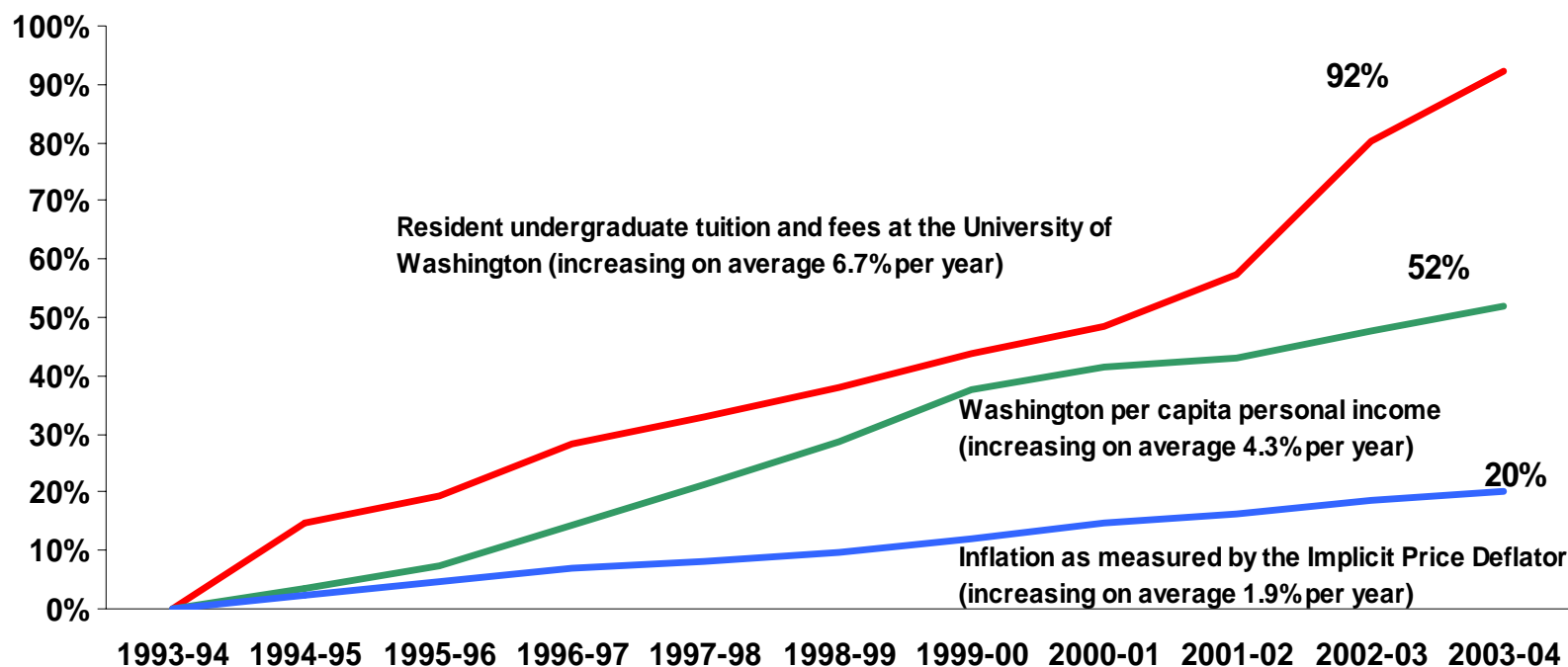
- From 1995 through 1999, the Legislature and Governor set specific limits on tuition increases (operating and building fees) of 4% per year.
- Since 1999, local four-year boards and the SBCTC have been allowed to set specific rates within the following **maximum** limits:

1999-2000	<b>4.6%</b>	2002-2003	<b>16%, 14%, 12%</b>
2000-2001	<b>3.6%</b>	2003-2004	<b>7%</b>
2001-2002	<b>6.7%</b>		

# Resident undergraduate tuition (operating & building fees) as a percentage of undergraduate instructional costs



# Increases in tuition have outpaced per capita personal income and inflation





# National comparisons: research (flagship) universities 2003-04

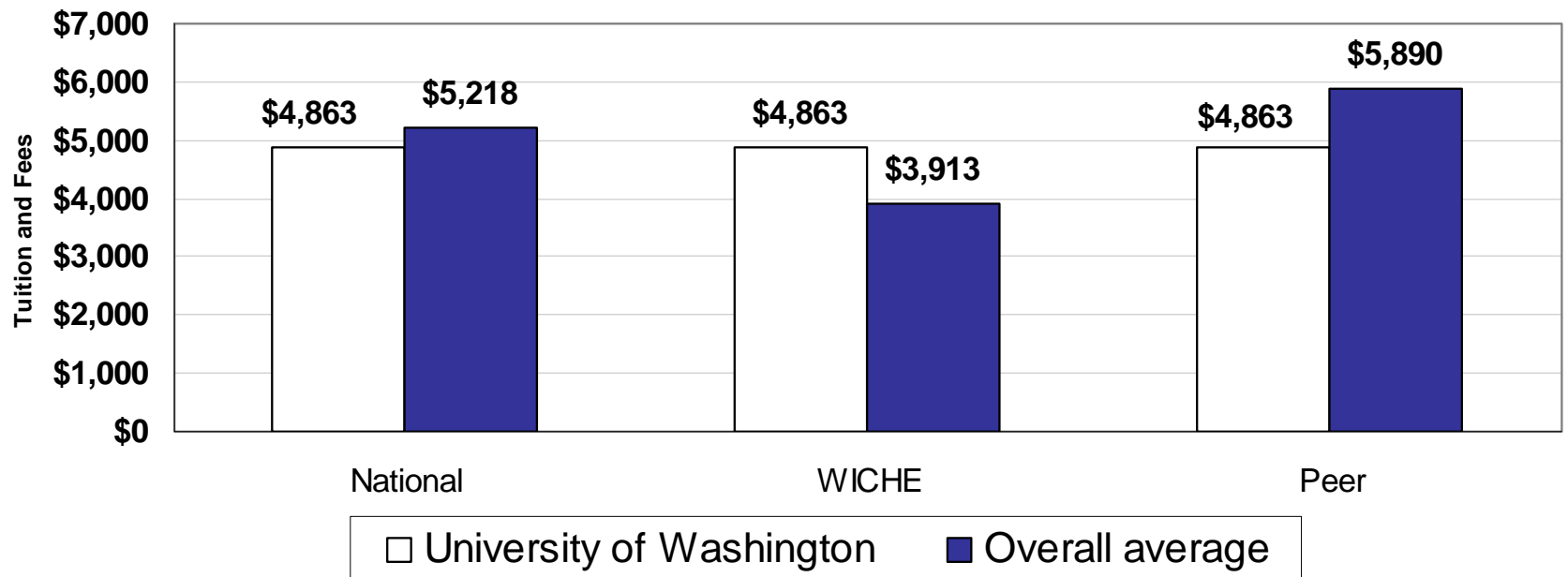
- On average, resident undergraduate tuition and fees increased 11.2% at the 50 state flagship universities.
- In 2003-04, 24 states increased tuition and fees 10% or more, compared to 17 states in 2002-03.
- Three states increased tuition more than 20%, and three states increased tuition 3% or less.

# University of Washington

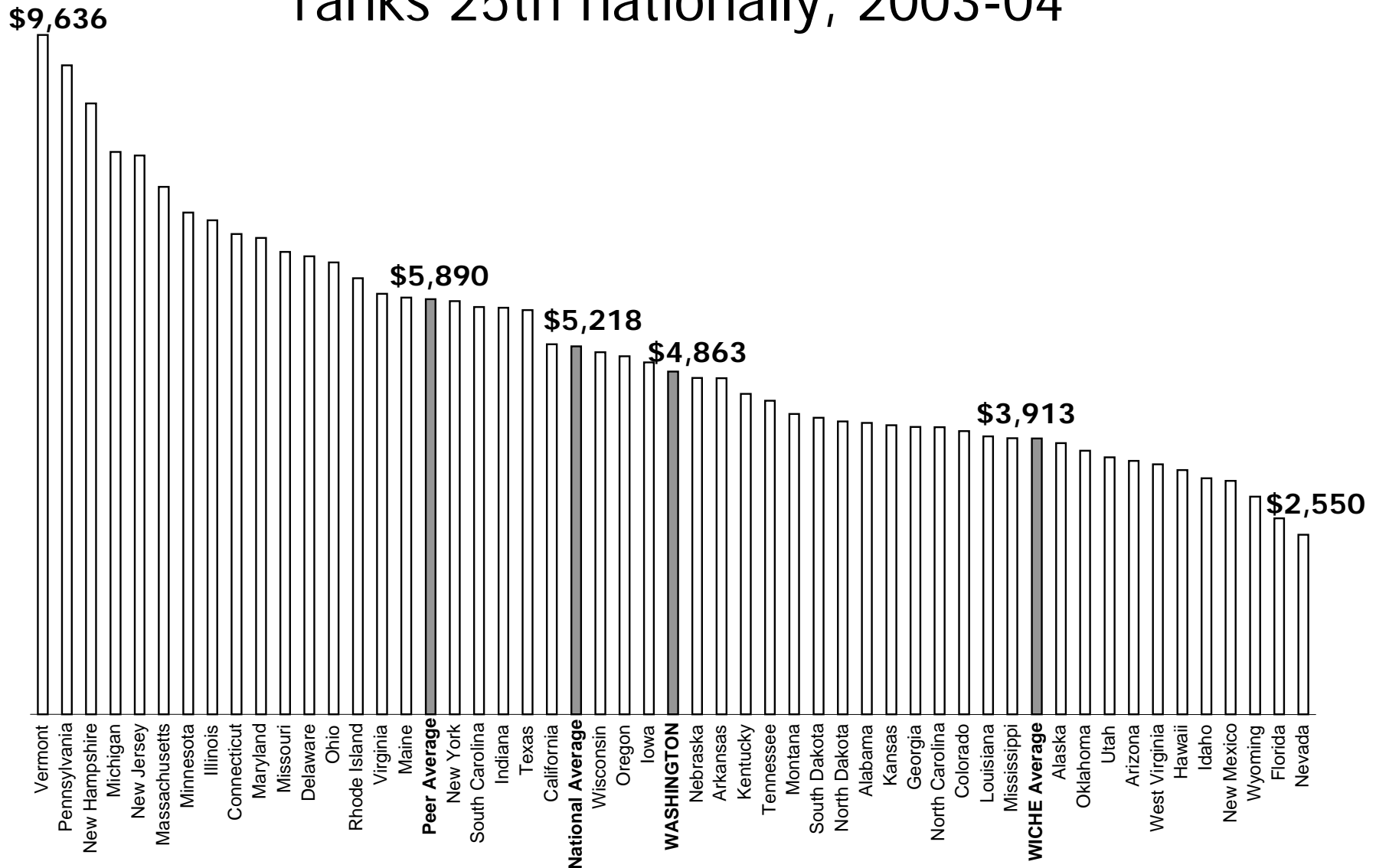
	<b>Tuition 2003-04</b>	<b>UW Rank</b>
UW	\$4,863	---
National average	\$5,218	25 <sup>th</sup> of 50
WICHE average	\$3,913	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 15
Peer average	\$5,890	18 <sup>th</sup> of 25

Note: Tuition includes operating and building fee plus mandatory fees.

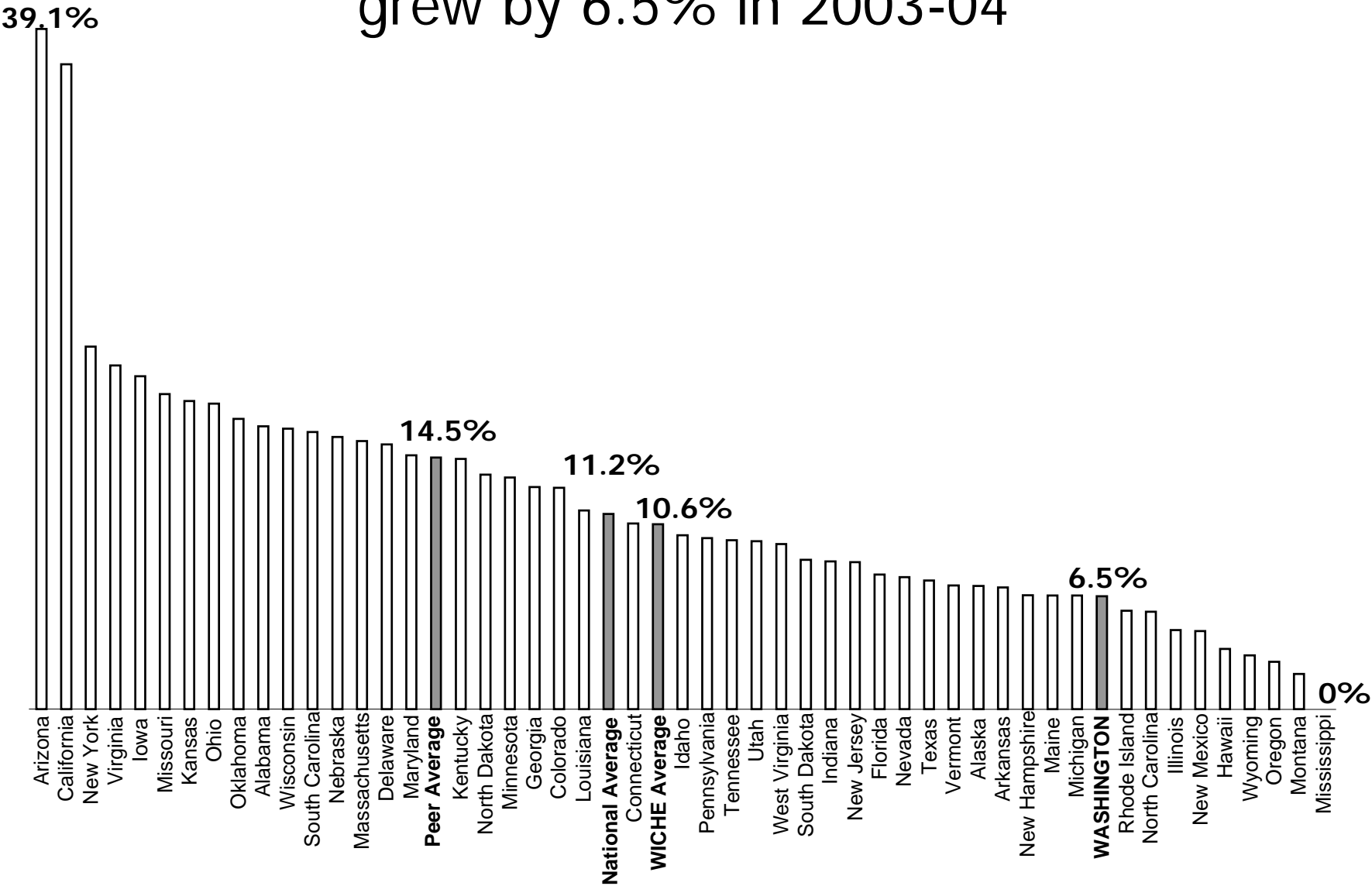
# Tuition and fees: University of Washington compared to national, WICHE and peer averages



# University of Washington resident undergraduate tuition ranks 25th nationally, 2003-04



# University of Washington resident undergraduate tuition grew by 6.5% in 2003-04



# National comparisons: Comprehensive universities 2003-04

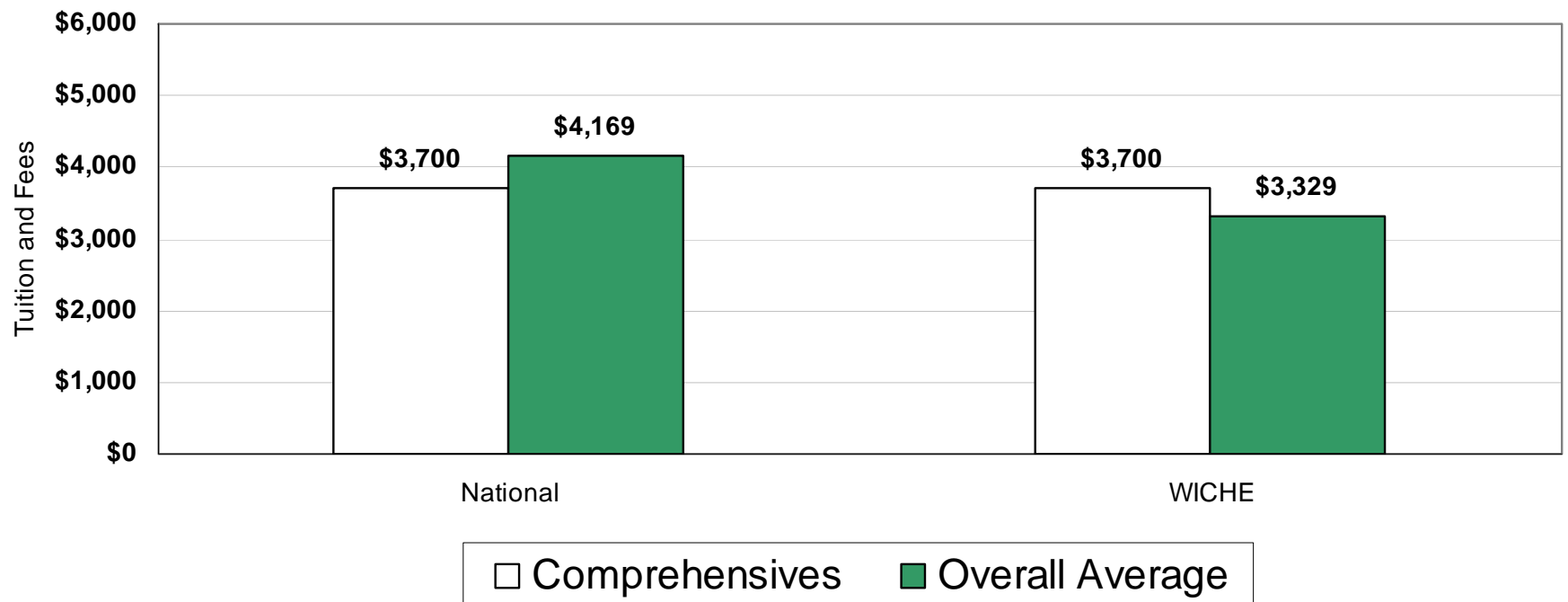
- On average, resident undergraduate tuition and fees increased 11.6% nationally.
- In 2003-04, 27 states increased resident undergraduate tuition and fees 10% or more, compared to 18 states in 2002-03.
- Four states increased tuition and fees more than 20%, and of those, one state increased tuition over 30%.
- Two states increased tuition and fees 3% or less.

# Washington comprehensive universities

	<b>Tuition 2003-04</b>	<b>Comprehensive rank</b>
Washington comprehensives	\$3,700	---
National average	\$4,169	28 <sup>th</sup> of 46
WICHE average	\$3,329	4 <sup>th</sup> of 12
Peer average	*	*

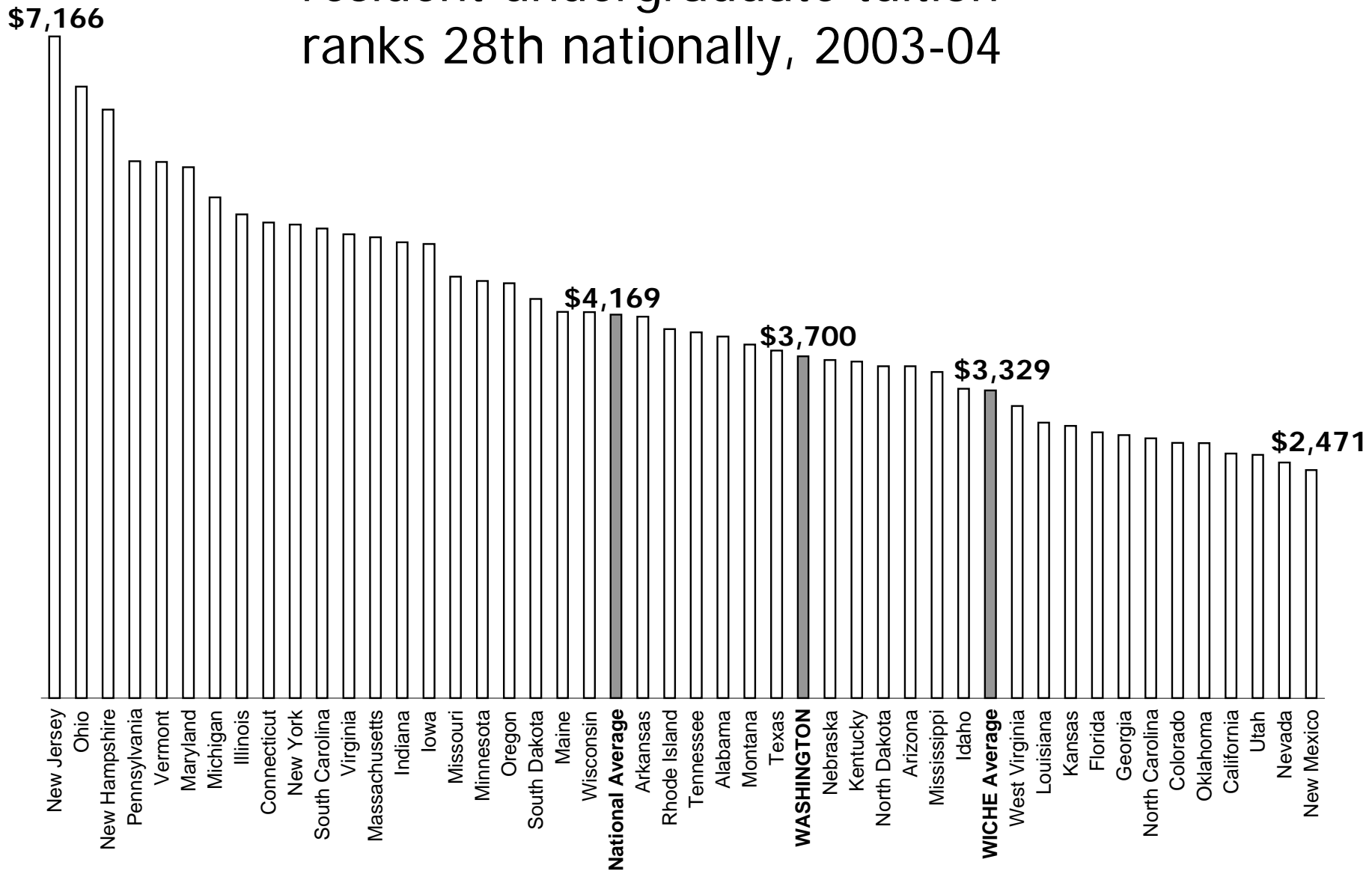
\*National average is based on 215 institutions that have been used for more than 30 years, and this average also serves as the comprehensive peer average.

# Tuition and fees: Comprehensive universities compared to national and WICHE averages

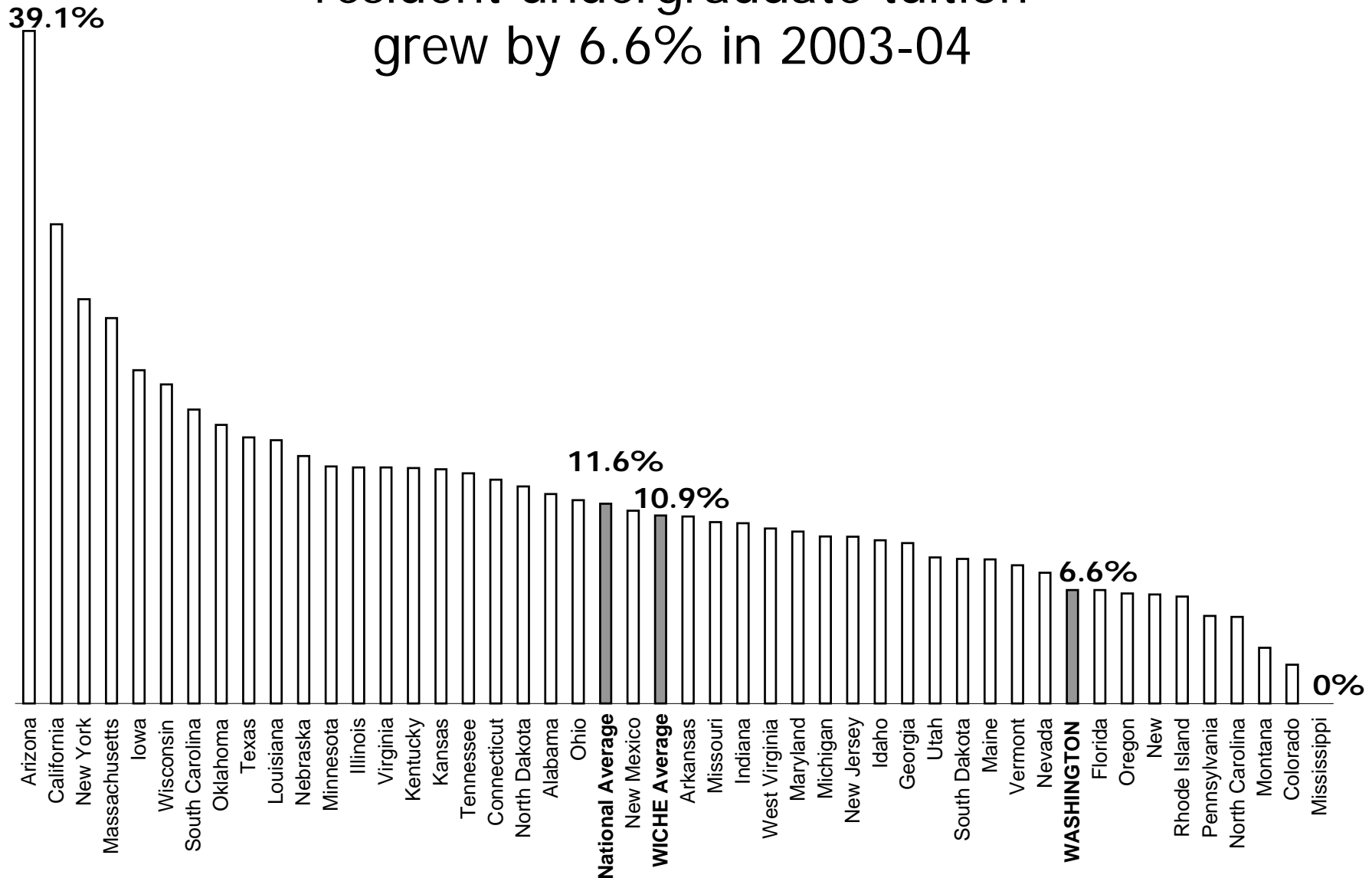




# Washington comprehensive institutions resident undergraduate tuition ranks 28th nationally, 2003-04



# Washington comprehensive institutions resident undergraduate tuition grew by 6.6% in 2003-04



## National comparisons: Community and technical colleges 2003-04

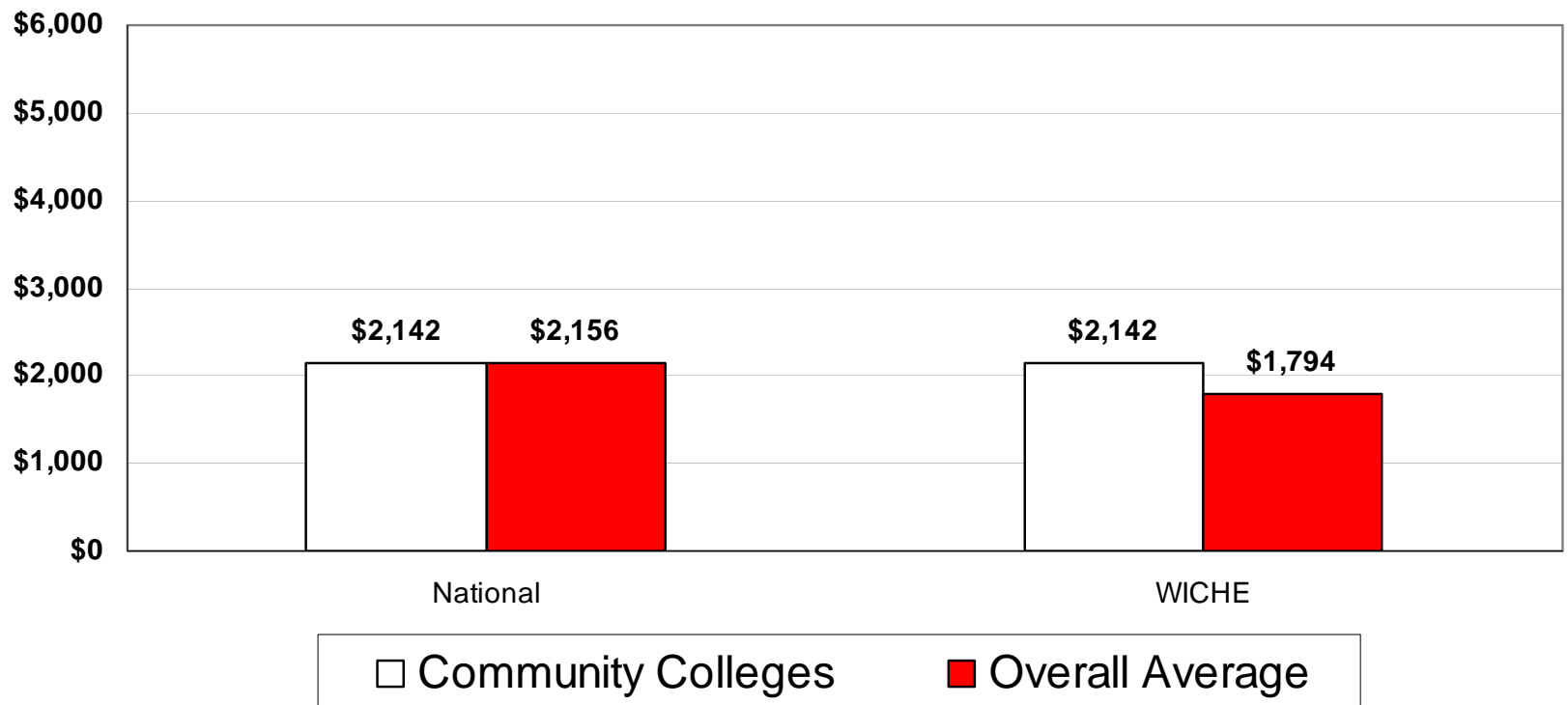
- On average, resident undergraduate tuition and fees increased 10% nationally.
- In 2003-04, 22 states increased resident undergraduate tuition & fees 10% or more, compared to 14 states in 2002-03.
- Seven states increased tuition and fees more than 20%; four of those states increased tuition over 30% and six states increased tuition and fees 3% or less.

# Washington community and technical colleges

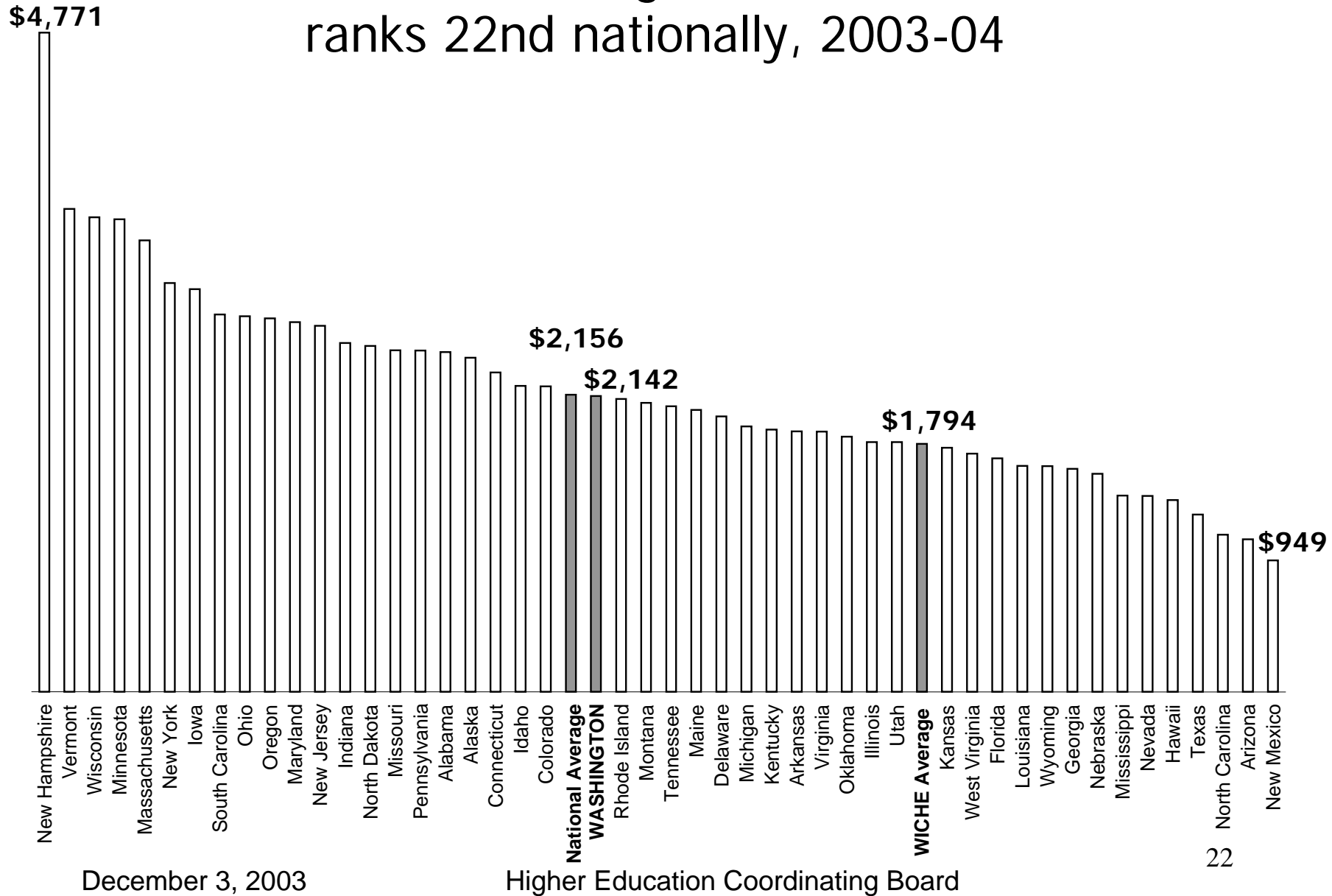
	<b>Tuition 2003-04</b>	<b>Community and technical college rank</b>
Wash comm. and tech. colleges	\$2,142	---
National average	\$2,156	22 <sup>nd</sup> of 49
WICHE average	\$1,794	6 <sup>th</sup> of 15
Peer average	*	*

\*49-state average serves as the peer group for the community and technical colleges.

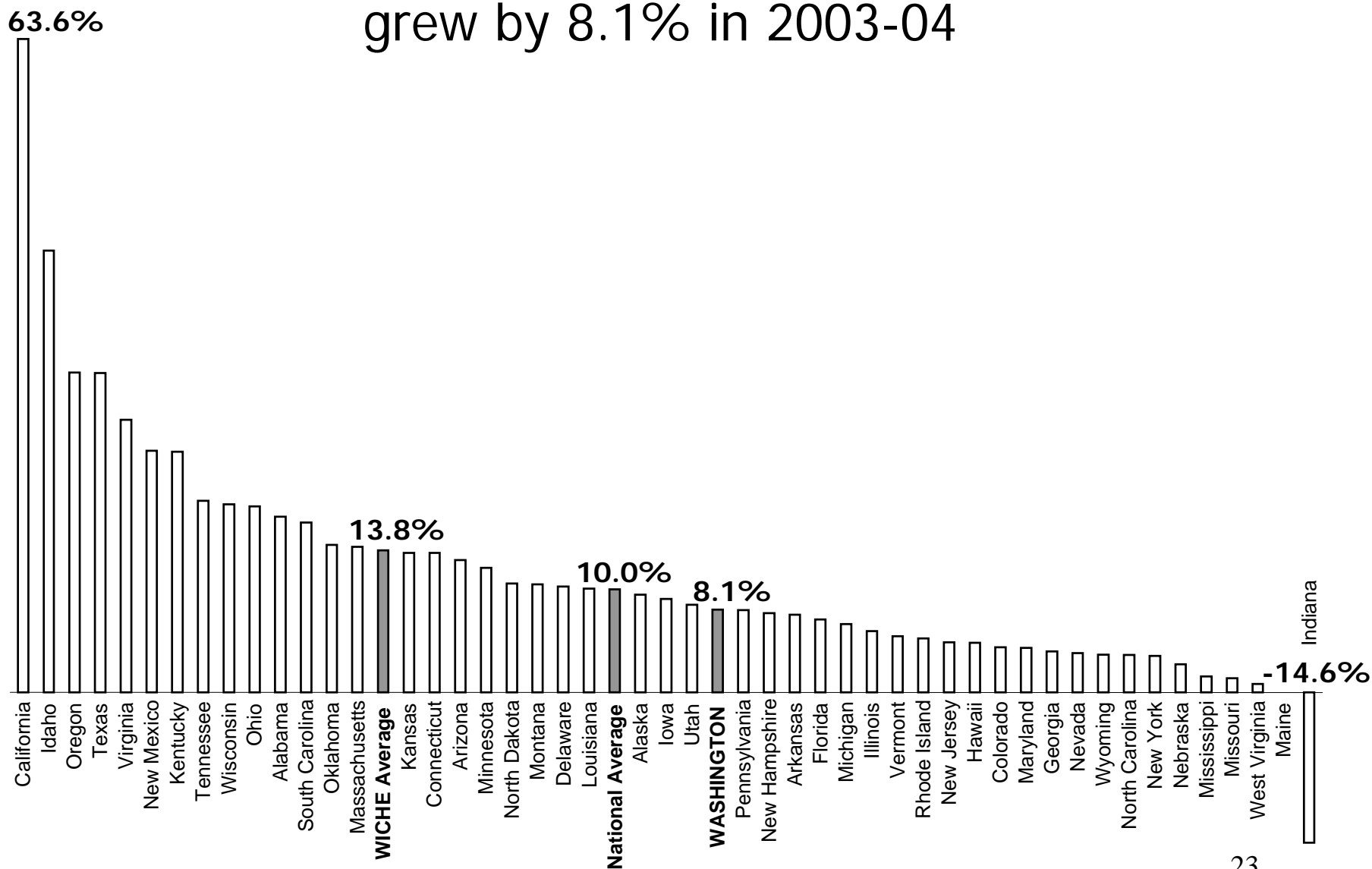
# Tuition and fees: Community and technical colleges compared to national and WICHE averages



# Washington community college resident undergraduate tuition ranks 22nd nationally, 2003-04



# Washington community college resident undergraduate tuition grew by 8.1% in 2003-04



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# Findings:

- Washington resident undergraduates pay somewhat less than the national average for tuition at the four-year institutions.
- At the community and technical colleges, Washington residents pay the same as the national average.



# Findings:

- Tuition rates at Washington institutions are less than the average tuition at comparable (peer) institutions.
- Tuition rates in Washington are higher than in most Western states.

# Findings:

- Washington's rank among states and peers has remained steady. For example: UW ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> nationally in 2000 and ranks 25th today.
- Significant spikes in tuition have occurred in every recession since the 1970s, and that cycle appears to be repeating.
- Over the last 10 years, tuition and fees have increased 92% at the University of Washington. Nationally, average tuition and fees have increased 84%.